

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks are respectfully requested. Specifically, favorable consideration of original Claims 1-32 and newly submitted Claims 33-40 is respectfully requested. New Claims 33-40 are submitted to further define the “cookies” as described in paragraph 32 of the substitute specification.

SUBSTITUTE SPECIFICATION

A substitute specification, as well as a marked-up copy thereof, is hereby submitted in order to remedy the objection in the Office Action under 37 CFR §1.52(b)(3). Specifically, the substitute specification includes original Claims 1-32 beginning on a separate page, in accordance with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.52(b)(3), and further includes the correction of a typographical error found in paragraph nine (9). Favorable consideration is requested.

CLAIM OBJECTIONS AND THE REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. §112, SECOND PARAGRAPH

Claims 12-14, 19, 25, and 32 are presently amended to overcome the objections set forth on page 2 of the Office Action. Further, Claims 13 and 19 have been amended to address the purported indefinite language to overcome the rejection thereof under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, for indefiniteness. Favorable consideration of the amendments is requested.

THE REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Claims 1-32 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Wu, et al. (U.S. Patent 5,774,551; hereafter “Wu”) in view of what is alleged to have been obvious to one of ordinary skill at the time of the invention. The Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection, and further requests that this rejection be reconsidered and withdrawn.

The rejection acknowledges that Wu does not expressly disclose selecting a logout link or generating a logout page for display on a browser being used by the user, as recited in independent **Claims 1, 7, 16, and 17**. Therefore, Wu also does not disclose receiving a request for a logout page as recited in independent **Claims 10, 11, 15, 18, and 24**, nor does Wu disclose the logout page of independent **Claims 29 and 31**.

It is respectfully submitted that the assertion in the rejection that one of ordinary skill would have implemented Wu’s logout method within a browser *and* either select a logout link or generate a logout page has been made without sufficient basis.

In column 3, lines 14-17, Wu merely states that, “It is finally desirable to provide a system to provide unified logout so that the user does not have to manually logout and destroy credentials created during the authentication process.” Further, in col. 19, lines 60-64, Wu states, “The unified logout process ensures that the user’s authentication token and credentials are removed from any publicly accessible resource and thus cannot be fraudulently obtained or used after the use has terminated a session.” The subsequent description in the reference provides no suggestion as to how such “unified logout” would be

“pluggable” for a browser application and therefore does not even offer a hint that *either* a logout link or logout page would be utilized in such effort. Therefore, the Applicant respectfully submits that support for the above-stated assertion in the rejection is unsupported by Wu.

Furthermore, Claims 1, 7, 16, and 17 have been amended to recite the cookies as including “data provided to the browser” by a server. Such feature is not taught or suggested by Wu. Further still, Claims 29 and 31 have been amended to recite the cookies as being data provided to a browser from a corresponding server, which contain *at least one of*: date and time that the user is authenticated by an authentication server, the user’s profile, and a list of sites, including web servers, visited by the user since the most recent logout from the authentication server. This recitation of the data included in the cookies is also recited in new Claims 33-40, depending from Claims 1, 7, 10, 15-18, and 24, respectively. These features are not taught or suggested by Wu, either.

Therefore, for at least the reasons set forth above, and in view of the present amendments to the claims and new Claims 33-40, it is respectfully submitted that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Wu should be withdrawn.

Claims 1-32 were also rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Kung (U.S. Patent 5,241,594). The Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection as well, and further requests that this rejection also be reconsidered and withdrawn.

The rejection addresses only Claim 1, stating that Kung describes one logon to access multiple systems normally requiring separate logons, and therefore the concept of a unified logon should be applicable as a unified logoff. The Applicant disagrees.

Specifically, with Kung in hand, one of ordinary skill would contemplate one-time logon for distributed computing systems, not one-time logoff. *Arguendo*, even if such one-time logoff were contemplated, Kung fails to address any implementations thereof. Accordingly, the person of ordinary skill would be left to devise her own methodologies and systems for the logoff. To arrive at the claimed invention without the reference even addressing the need for it is pure conjecture beyond the reach of one of ordinary skill. Thus, for at least the reasons set forth above, and in view of the present amendments to the claims and new Claims 33-40, the Applicant submits that the rejection of Claims 1-32 must be withdrawn.

Claims 1-32 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over “Planning and Deploying a Single Sign-On Solution,” by Netscape Communications Corp. (hereafter “Netscape”). The Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection as well, and further requests that this rejection also be reconsidered and withdrawn.

Similar to Kung, Netscape addresses only a “single sign-on” solution. Therefore, once again, the person of ordinary skill would be left to devise her own methodologies and systems for a single logoff solution, and to arrive at the claimed invention without the reference even addressing the need for it is

conjecture beyond the reach of one of ordinary skill. Thus, the Applicant submits that, for at least the reasons set forth above, and in view of the present amendments to the claims and new Claims 33-40, the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Netscape must also be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

The Applicant respectfully submits that the aforementioned amendments to the claims, as well as the submission of new Claims 33-40, are not intended, nor should they be construed, to be made in agreement with the corresponding rejections over the references. Rather, the amendments to the claims are submitted only in an effort to expedite the prosecution of the present application to allowance.

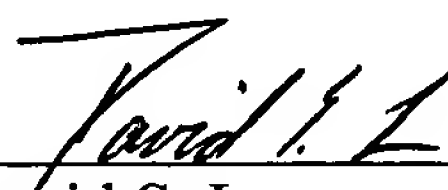
The remaining references of record have been considered. It is respectfully submitted that they do not compensate for the deficiencies of any of the references utilized in rejecting the pending claims.

All objections and rejections having been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Early and forthright issuance of a Notice of Allowability is respectfully requested.

Respectfully Submitted,

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